

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The technique of the invention retrieves any print job of redundant image data having identical image identification data with the image identification data of an object job, which  
5 is specified among print jobs stored in a print server, deletes image data present on a reference path of the retrieved print job, and overwrites the reference path of the retrieved print job with a reference path of the object job. The print job in which the image data was deleted is executed by utilizing  
10 the common reference path to read remaining image data and converting the image data into print data printable with a printer. This arrangement desirably prevents identical image data from being stored redundantly and thereby effectively saves the storage capacity of print jobs.

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